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ICE CREAM AND OTHER FROZEN DESSERTS

PRODUCTION REPORT - APRIL 1957

ICE CREAM PRODUCTION

Ice cream production in the United States during April was estimated at 53,100,000 gallons - 4 percent larger than the April output last year and 9 percent above the 1951-55 average for the month, the Agricultural Marketing Service reports. This was the second largest April output of record being exceeded only by that of April 1946. This also represented an appreciable recovery in the relationship to a year earlier, since production in both February and March dropped below the corresponding month's output in 1956.

Between March and April this year, production rose 9 percent, compared with a gain of only 1 percent last year and a seasonal advance of 8 percent between the 1951-55 averages for these months. April temperatures averaged normal or above in most of the eastern half of the country and in a strip along the Pacific Coast.

The percentage of milk-fat in ice cream made this April averaged 11.6 for the country as a whole, the same as in March, but slightly more than the average of 11.5 percent reported for ice cream manufactured during April last year.

During the first 4 months of 1957, ice cream output was fractionally larger than in the same period of 1956, and was 13 percent above the 1951-55 average for these months.

Production increases from April a year ago occurred in all sections of the country except the West North Central, South Central, and Mountain, where decreases were small or moderate. Gains were indicated for all North Atlantic States and the region as a whole had an increase of 5 percent. In the East North Central Region, decreases in Illinois and Wisconsin were more than countered by increases in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, giving that section a 2-percent larger output. Ice cream production was up 10 percent in the South Atlantic Region where all states there showed gains. A sharp increase in California more than offset declines in Washington and Oregon, and the Pacific States had a rise of 9 percent over April a year ago. Production was down 1 percent in the West North Central States where changes in output were mixed. Sharp declines in Alabama, Oklahoma and Texas gave the South Central Region a 2-percent smaller output than in 1956. Ice cream production declined 4 percent in the Mountain States where a larger output in Colorado was more than offset by decreases in the remaining states. In the three leading ice cream producing states, output was up 4 percent from April a year ago in Pennsylvania, up 6 percent in New York, and up 15 percent in California.

Compared with the 1951-55 average for April, production was up in all regions except the Mountain, where it held steady. The gains varied from 4 percent in the West North Central States to 15 percent in both the South Atlantic and the Pacific.

PRODUCTION OF ICE CREAM, UNITED STATES, 1957, WITH COMPARISONS

MONTH	1951-55 AVERAGE *	1955 *	ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
			1956	1957	1951-55 Av.	1956
		Thousand Gallons			Percent	
January	35,771	36,980	41,085	42,330	+ 18	+ 3
February	36,892	37,605	44,790	44,055	+ 19	- 2
March	44,834	50,019	50,695	48,660	+ 9	- 4
April	48,581	50,644	51,230	53,100	+ 9	+ 4
FOUR MONTH TOTAL	166,078	175,248	187,800	188,145	+ 13	0

* From enumerations.

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ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF ICE CREAM: APRIL 1957 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	5-YEAR APRIL AVERAGE 1951-55 *	APRIL			PERCENT CHANGE IN APRIL 1957 PRODUCTION FROM:	
		1955 *	1956	1957	5-YEAR AVERAGE	APRIL 1956
		Thousand Gallons			Percent	
Massachusetts	1,792	1,849	1,920	2,020	+ 13	+ 5
Connecticut	618	608	630	680	+ 10	+ 8
New York	5,166	5,316	5,350	5,690	+ 10	+ 6
New Jersey	1,200	1,309	1,380	1,490	+ 24	+ 8
Pennsylvania	5,579	5,696	5,570	5,790	+ 4	+ 4
Other N. A. States	742	706	815	845	+ 14	+ 4
NO. ATLANTIC STATES	15,097	15,484	15,665	16,515	+ 9	+ 5
Ohio	3,009	3,202	3,000	3,250	+ 8	+ 8
Indiana	1,627	1,831	2,060	2,120	+ 30	+ 3
Illinois	2,506	2,541	2,760	2,660	+ 6	- 4
Michigan	2,313	2,490	2,300	2,320	0	+ 1
Wisconsin	1,431	1,603	1,600	1,580	+ 10	- 1
E.N. CENTRAL STATES	10,886	11,667	11,720	11,930	+ 10	+ 2
Minnesota	1,150	1,300	1,230	1,290	+ 12	+ 5
Iowa	907	1,029	1,140	1,050	+ 16	- 8
Missouri	1,301	1,328	1,290	1,310	+ 1	+ 2
N. & S. Dakota	332	332	290	320	- 4	+ 10
Nebraska	491	549	530	510	+ 4	- 4
Kansas	563	595	535	460	- 18	- 14
W.N. CENTRAL STATES	4,744	5,133	5,015	4,940	+ 4	- 1
District of Columbia	503	432	410	440	- 13	+ 7
Maryland	813	920	940	1,030	+ 27	+ 10
Virginia	875	907	860	980	+ 12	+ 14
West Virginia	432	425	425	500	+ 16	+ 18
North Carolina	1,164	1,242	1,070	1,150	- 1	+ 7
Georgia	646	665	695	820	+ 27	+ 18
Florida	1,070	1,270	1,450	1,500	+ 40	+ 3
Other S.A. States .	391	391	310	335	- 14	+ 8
SO. ATLANTIC STATES	5,894	6,252	6,160	6,755	+ 15	+ 10
Tennessee	1,040	1,166	1,100	1,150	+ 11	+ 5
Alabama	664	754	690	640	- 4	- 7
Louisiana	627	688	760	800	+ 28	+ 5
Oklahoma	461	445	405	365	- 21	- 10
Texas	1,831	1,712	1,905	1,800	- 2	- 6
Other S.C. States .	927	974	1,070	1,065	+ 15	0
SO. CENTRAL STATES	5,550	5,739	5,930	5,820	+ 5	- 2
Colorado	455	499	440	470	+ 3	+ 7
Other Mt. States ..	1,079	1,074	1,165	1,070	- 1	- 8
MOUNTAIN STATES	1,534	1,573	1,605	1,540	0	- 4
Washington	796	785	890	810	+ 2	- 9
Oregon	519	452	500	480	- 8	- 4
California	3,561	3,559	3,745	4,310	+ 21	+ 15
PACIFIC STATES	4,876	4,796	5,135	5,600	+ 15	+ 9
UNITED STATES	48,581	50,644	51,230	53,100	+ 9	+ 4

* From enumerations.

ICE MILK PRODUCTION

Ice milk production in the United States, estimated by the Agricultural Marketing Service at 8,355,000 gallons for April, was 7 percent larger than the April output a year ago and 56 percent above the 1951-55 average for the month. Production during the first 4 months of 1957 totaled 23,965,000 gallons, up 3 percent from the output in the same period last year and 46 percent above the 1951-55, January - April average.

Compared with April a year ago, ice milk production showed the best relationship thus far in 1957. Sharp increases were apparent in the Atlantic and South Central Regions, while the North Central and the West had only small gains.

Between March and April, output advanced 29 percent this year and only 19 percent last year. Gains this year occurred in all sections of the country, being most sharp in the North Atlantic and East North Central States and more moderate in the other regions. The smallest increase was reported from the West.

PRODUCTION OF ICE MILK, UNITED STATES, 1957, WITH COMPARISONS

MONTH	1951-55 AVERAGE *	1955 *	ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
			1956 1/	1957	1951-55 Av.	1956
		Thousand Gallons			Percent	
January	3,133	4,198	4,320	4,500	+ 44	+ 4
February	3,439	4,327	4,500	4,610	+ 35	+ 3
March	4,533	6,501	6,550	6,470	+ 43	- 1
April	5,355	7,264	7,800	8,355	+ 56	+ 7
FOUR MONTH TOTAL	16,460	22,290	23,170	23,965	+ 46	+ 3

* From enumerations. 1/Revised.

SHERBET PRODUCTION

According to Agricultural Marketing Service estimates, sherbet production in the United States this April totaled 2,400,000 gallons. This was 12 percent smaller than the April output a year ago and only 4 percent above the 1951-55 average for the month. Production rose 17 percent between March and April this year, compared with an advance of 23 percent last year.

PRODUCTION OF SHERBET, UNITED STATES, 1957, WITH COMPARISONS

MONTH	1951-55 AVERAGE *	1955 *	ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
			1956	1957	1951-55 Av.	1956
		Thousand Gallons			Percent	
January	1,136	1,418	1,520	1,520	+ 34	0
February	1,278	1,519	1,690	1,570	+ 23	- 7
March	1,831	2,460	2,210	2,060	+ 13	- 7
April	2,315	3,065	2,720	2,400	+ 4	- 12
FOUR MONTH TOTAL	6,560	8,462	8,140	7,550	+ 15	- 7

* From enumerations.

MELLORINE AND OTHER FROZEN DESSERTS

MADE WITH FATS AND OILS OTHER THAN MILK-FAT

The Agricultural Marketing Service estimated the April production of Mellorine and other frozen desserts made with fats and oils other than milk-fat at 2,685,000 gallons. This was 4 percent smaller than the April output last year and also 4 percent less than in April 1955. During the first 4 months of 1957, Mellorine production totaled 9,315,000 gallons - 5 percent less than in the same period of 1956, but 1 percent more than the January - April output in 1955.

Compared with the April output in 1956, losses in Illinois, Alabama, Oklahoma and Texas more than countered sharp gains in Missouri, Montana and California. Production held about steady in Arkansas and Oregon.

Between March and April this year, output rose 4 percent, compared with a decline of 3 percent last year and an advance of 2 percent between these months in 1955. Production declined sharply in California and held steady in Alabama and Oklahoma. All other Mellorine-producing states indicated increases, which were quite sharp in Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and Montana. Output in Texas rose only slightly from March to April.

PRODUCTION OF MELLORINE AND OTHER FROZEN DESSERTS
MADE WITH FATS AND OILS OTHER THAN MILK-FAT, UNITED STATES, 1957, WITH COMPARISONS

MONTH	1953 *	1954 *	1955 *	ESTIMATED		CHANGE IN 1957 FROM:	
				1956	1957	1955	1956
	Thousand Gallons					Percent	
January	1,064	1,503	1,814	1,895	1,910	+ 5	+ 1
February	1,162	1,995	1,923	2,185	2,090	+ 9	- 4
March	1,607	2,339	2,732	2,885	2,630	- 4	- 9
April	1,767	2,720	2,789	2,790	2,685	- 4	- 4
FOUR MONTH TOTAL	5,600	8,557	9,258	9,755	9,315	+ 1	- 5

* From enumerations.